

Elections

WASHINGTON STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Moses Lake, Washington

July 14, 2005

Conservation District	Supervisor Elected	Supervisor Replaced	Term to Expire
King	Richard Gelb	Richard Gelb	03/22/08

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Conservation District	Candidate(s)	Votes	Total Votes
King	Richard Gelb	235	482
	Darlene Madenwald	77	
	Ross Loudenback	169	
	No Name	1	



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June 29, 2005

Mr. Max Prinsen, Chair
King Conservation District
935 Powell Ave. SW
Renton, WA 98055-2908

Dear Max:

At the Conservation Commission Meeting held on May 19, 2005, the Commission, in reviewing the results of the King CD election, expressed concern over the use of sealed boxes at three of your four polling places rather than locked as is called for in Commissions election procedures. Following their discussion the Commission passed the following motions:

Commissioner Brown moved that a letter be written to the King Conservation District admonishing them that it is policy and not a guideline that a lock box, not a cardboard box, be used for election ballots. A written, signed affidavit/declaration from the polling officers stating that the boxes were not tampered with must be submitted to the Commission before the election will be announced. Commissioner Adams seconded. Comm. Barker abstained. Motion passed.

Commissioner Adams moved to begin the rulemaking process to develop rules in elections and appointments. Commission staff will bring a recommendation. Commissioner Selby seconded.

As a result of these actions, I'm asking the District to submit to us, for this election only, a letter signed by your polling officers that meets the standards set forth in Commissioner Brown's motion. We are aware that your polling officers signed the standard form reporting the results from their polling place stating, "We, the undersigned Polling Officers, attest: that the number of ballots cast match the number of voters listed on the Poll List; the ballots cast did not leave the Polling Officers' supervision; were counted by the Polling Officers; and, the information above is full, correct and a true accounting of the King Conservation District Supervisor Election."

I do understand and appreciate the efforts King CD went to holding their election, exceeding the minimum hours open and the number of voting places. I also want to thank Geoff for pointing out that our forms online refer to 'guidelines' when it should state "policy". This change will be made prior to the next election cycle. Because of the extraordinary scrutiny on this particular election, the Commission felt it necessary to verify that there was no tampering with ballot boxes that did not meet our requirements. Thank you, Max for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

Mark Clark
Executive Director

Cc: Commission Members
Geoff Reed, King CD

Scott Wallace, King CD
Stu Trefry, WSCC